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Vintage Scene at Scam. The quaint Roumanian Bullock-wagon.



Gypsy women masons of Roumania.

ROUMANIA'S REVOLT PROSTRATES ITS KING

Tales of Slaughter of Peasantry by the Soldiers Affect Him Terribly.

HIS CONDITION CRITICAL

BUCHAREST, April 20. King Charles is in a critical condition in consequence of the excitement and anxiety occasioned by the peasants' rising. He fainted several times on receiving the news of the bombardment of towns held by the insurgents and the indiscriminate slaughter of peasants. His Majesty insisted on receiving the fullest possible details of the crisis.

The doctors have ordered his Majesty to keep aloof from state business, and he is not permitted to see any reports. The Queen (Carmina Syla) is devoting all her time to nursing King Charles. It is feared, however, that he will not rally from the shock occasioned by the revolution.

Roumania is now threatened by an economic crisis, in consequence of the enormous loss of property in many parts of the country. The destruction of practically all agricultural machinery and farm buildings will prevent the usual spring tilling, and widespread famine is feared, as the majority of the granaries have been burned.

Thousands of people are utterly ruined, as both the State and the fire insurance companies refuse compensation for the damage done by the rebels and government troops.

M. Cantacuzene, the former Premier, states that the rising of the peasants was instigated by foreign emissaries, many of whom were disguised as priests or women.

Prince Carol, the 12-year-old son of the Crown Prince of Roumania, is serving with the cadet corps, which is guarding the royal palace. When the Crown Princess passes, the young Prince gravely salutes his mother with the rest of the guard.

Landholders who have appealed to the government for protection have been assured that order is being restored rapidly throughout the disaffected provinces. Today's reports show that these districts are comparatively quiet, and some of the loyal troops are being sent back to Bucharest.

Extreme tension still prevails in the Roumanian capital in consequence of the fear of a coup d'etat. Nearly sixty alleged revolutionaries, including several Russians and Servians, and two Germans, have been arrested, and a large quantity of incriminating documents seized.

INSISTS THAT PALATE BEATS FINGER PRINTS

Army Surgeon Says That Method is Infallible in Identification of Prisoners.

VIENNA, April 20. Dr. Paul Prager, an army surgeon, who has made a special study of methods of identification, recommends that prisoners should be identified by the shape of their palates. He thinks the system far more efficacious than by finger prints.

Dr. Prager declares that the method would be much more reliable than any at present used, for among the thousands of mouths he has taken of the interior of the human mouth he has failed to find two which even slightly resembled each other.

He says that though the teeth alter greatly with time, the markings of the palate remain unchanged throughout life. The individuality of the palate is greater and more permanent than that of any other part of the body, and a detective force which possessed a large collection of mouth-moulds would have a guide infinitely safer than a gallery of finger prints.

COLONY OF CHINAMEN FOUND IN AUSTRALIA

Hidden Community Numbers Several Thousand, and is Engaged in Cultivating Opium.

SYDNEY, April 20. A traveler in northern Queensland, Mr. Hansford, a Melbourne lawyer, brings a story of a hitherto unknown colony of Chinamen in the country near the Gulf of Carpentaria. The news, which has been confirmed, has come as a shock to the advocates of a "White Australia."

The Chinamen, who are said to number thousands, are, it appears, camped on arable river flats, and are growing vast quantities of opium, which is now a prohibited article in the Commonwealth, except for medicinal purposes. Presumably a market for the drug is found among the Chinese storekeepers of the north.

The white-trippers have made their way to Australia by way of the East Indian Islands, and the Commonwealth government is now being called upon to turn them out.

SERVANTS GAMBLE AT MONTE CARLO NOW

Following Example of Mistresses, Ladies' Maids Are Familiar Figures at Table.

MANY LOSSES RECORDED

MONTE CARLO, April 20. The gambling lady's maid is another sin laid at the door of the smart set. A maid employed by a well-known woman, now at Monte Carlo, has just lost \$500 at the tables, the savings of many years. Many other maids have recently dropped \$100 to \$250 by imitating their mistresses' system of play.

Women, unaccompanied by their husbands or of masculine escort, take their maids to the casino as chaperons and purse-bearers. The maids lounge about the rooms the greater part of the day and late at night. Like mistresses, like maid; and they soon take to staking surreptitiously their five-franc pieces.

When their employers go for afternoon drives, there is a rush of ladies' maids to the tables. One clever Frenchwoman maid to an English countess has cleared \$100 this season. But the majority of the gambling maids go home with empty purses, their lifelong savings drawn from the bank, and often owing considerable sums to other maids, or to friendly valets and other men-servants belonging to their mistresses' social set.

No Sunday Music in Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, April 20.—The Liverpool City Council decided yesterday, by a vote of 65 to 25, against a proposal for Sunday music in the parks.

FRENCH OFFICER SHOT AND VICTIM AVENGED

Murderer Asserts That He Dishonored His Sister, But This Dying Man Denies.

PARIS, April 20. Lieutenant Geyer d'Orth, of the 163d Regiment, stationed at Ajaccio, was today the victim of the traditional Corsican vendetta. The deceased officer was in the act of leaving a cafe in Ajaccio when he was shot by Corsican name Philippe Antoinetti. The assassin fired four times at the officer, all the shots taking effect. The last, which struck him in the abdomen, proved fatal. He was taken to the local hospital, where he expired in a few minutes.

The murderer fled through the streets of Ajaccio, pursued by gendarmes. On being brought to bay, he fired at his pursuers, wounding two of them. He succeeded in escaping to the hills, where he is now in hiding.

Antoinetti asserts that he killed the officer in order to avenge the honor of his sister, a girl of 17, employed in a restaurant. The lieutenant, who was conscious for a moment or two before he died, testified his innocence, and averred that his assassin mistook him for some one else.

WOMAN LEADS BAND OF NOTED BRIGANDS

Cruel From Her Youth, She Seeks Career of Crime and Becomes a Bandit Queen.

PARIS, April 20. A woman named Marguerite Bois, known as "Lucia, the Queen of the Brigands," according to the Matin, has been the instigator of a number of crimes perpetrated by a band of robbers in the south and west of France, who are now under arrest.

"This woman has had a remarkable career. Early in life she gained a reputation for recklessness and cruelty. When only 10 she rode a horse that no one else could approach, and went to sleep in the stable with her head on its hoof. At the age of 17 she met a man named Branchery, who had already been implicated in several crimes, and married him.

Lucia enticed him on to other crimes to satisfy her taste for luxuries. Under her guidance a band of brigands was formed, of which she was the acknowledged queen.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN PERSIA MENACED BY THE KAISER

Germany Plans to Exploit Land of the Shah and Undermine the Commerce and Political Influence of England

Types of Roumanian Peasants Recently in Revolt

In the history of Rome it was always the land question which roused the fiercest political strife. So, too, it is the land question in Roumania, that picturesque and romantic relic of Rome's military supremacy. The Roumanians claim to be the ultimate offspring of Roman legionaries, and to have preserved intact through centuries of wars and misfortunes something of the old Roman spirit. The trouble on the present occasion seems to have been brought about by the inevitable Jew. Every country is said to have the Jew that it deserves, and Roumania, by first welcoming and then denying full rights to the Jew, has driven him to his natural revenge—namely, money-lending. Jews are behind the syndicates that are sucking the life out of the Roumanian land.

GERMANY, in need of new fields of expansion, has marked down Persia as a favorable country for exploitation, and elaborate plans have been worked out for the promotion of German commercial interests and the extension of German enterprise in the Shah's dominion.

These plans are, on absolutely reliable information, to be carried out by German capitalists, supported by the German Government. In spite of the fact that every step forward contemplated by the Germans involves an invasion of the recognized sphere of British influence and an attack on British interests in Persia, German enterprise in Persia thus promises to bring about a critical situation in the Middle East, besides increasing the tension between Great Britain and Germany already existing in Europe.

Germany's schemes for exploiting Persia are so menacing to British interests that they merit serious attention on the part of His Majesty's Government. Hitherto Great Britain and Russia have been the only Powers with extensive influence at Teheran. North Persia has been recognized as the Russian sphere of influence, and South Persia as the British. The Anglo-Russian agreement, now practically concluded, provides for the removal of future causes of rivalry in Persia.

In the British Sphere. This arrangement between Great Britain and Russia is extremely distasteful to Germany, who desires to further her own ends in Persia. It is significant, however, that the commercial development now beginning is to be confined to South Persia, and carefully excluded from North Persia.

In plain words, this means that the German Government is willing to patronize an invasion by German merchants of the British sphere of influence, while carefully avoiding any action that could give offense to Russia. German protests conceal the fact that the scheme now on foot in Persia with the consent and knowledge of the German Government is an effort to gain a footing in a country adjacent to British Indian Empire.

An eminent authority on the Middle Eastern question has put it on record that the presence of any military Power to South Persia would be a potential menace to India. Viewed in this light, the German commercial invasion appears

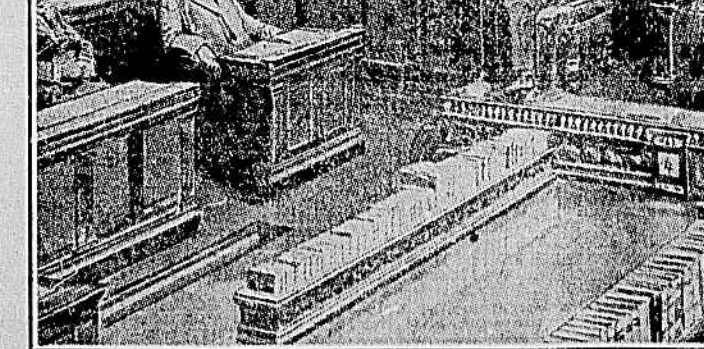
The German Orient Bank was founded more than a year ago to promote profitable enterprises in Eastern countries. Its own capital amounts to \$1,000,000, and its founders and backers are three of the most powerful institutions in Germany—the Dresdner Bank, the National Bank of Germany and the Schaffhausen Banking Association. One of its directors, Herr Gutmann, Jr., is now at Teheran to study the practical business operations in Persia.

The plan of campaign has been carefully worked out, and begins with the establishment of a German bank at Teheran to compete with the British and Russian banks already there. The main object of this bank will be to secure concessions.

Commercial Centre. The German Orient Bank will also try to establish a great commercial centre at the most favorable point on the Persian Gulf, obtaining a concession of territory as the site of the necessary buildings. The steamships of the Hamburg-American Company now plying in the Persian Gulf under their British competitors by charging 8 shillings a ton of freight, as compared with 12 shillings a ton rate of the British ships, and it is expected that a continuation of this policy will drive the British flag out of the Gulf.

An audacious scheme of railway construction, seriously encroaching on British rights, completes the project of the German Orient Bank. It is stated that one of these projected German railways, running from Teheran to Bagdad, would earn profits simply by conveying the corpses of pious Persians to two holy places southward of Bagdad, where the Persian Moslems desire to be buried. Another projected railway, running from Bagdad eastward and then southward to the Persian Gulf, would provide the urgently needed terminals for the Bagdad Railway.

The German Government recently appointed a new Minister at Teheran, Herr Sternich, an expert in Oriental affairs, to promote German commercial interests in Persia. One of Herr Sternich's first acts was to recommend an immediate extension of German enterprises.



First Parliament of the Transvaal—Swearing in Members

The picture shows Lord Selborne in the chair swearing in the members. On his right General Botha is seen. The opening of Parliament has been a great success, and General Botha is now in England attending the Colonial Conference. Another remarkable eulogy of the new Parliament appeared in the London Times last week, which declared that the Transvaal has "started on the political life in a way that must give genuine satisfaction to every loyal citizen of the empire."

PERSIANS THREATEN MASSACRE OF RUSSIANS

Troops Unable to Go to Scene Owing to Want of Money to Defray Expenses.

MURDERERS SHIELDED

TEHERAN, April 20. The secretary of the Russian Consulate at Meshed, in spite of the protests against his passage made by the Governor of Meshed, has arrived at Sabzevar, where an Armenian, a Russian subject, was recently murdered. The Russians are encamped outside the gates of the town, awaiting the arrival from here of a commission appointed to investigate the matter. Persian troops will go with the commission, but the start will be delayed for some days owing to the want of \$400 to defray expenses.

Threats to massacre Russian subjects if the murderers of the Armenian are punished are, it is stated, placarded in the streets of Sabzevar. Hundreds of unemployed, forming a crowd, which is increasing every minute, are awaiting in a public square the reply of the Shah to their demand for work. No favorable reply is possible in the present state of industry. Looting is feared.

The subscribers to the National Bank are refusing to pay up. The promoters have informed the National Assembly of their inability to furnish the government with a loan. A foreign loan is now certain, but no small advance will satisfy the government needs.

Grave as an Asset. CAPE TOWN, April 20.—Among the assets of an octogenarian named George Ruck, who appeared in the Cape Town Bankruptcy Court, was a piece of ground containing the grave, with monument, of his wife, who died some years ago.

HAVE BANQUET WITH DEAD MAN AS HOST

All Those Who Attended Funeral Entertained at Expense Provided in Will.

PARIS, April 20. A banquet under peculiar auspices took place in a restaurant here last night. The cost of the dinner was \$3 per head, and was defrayed out of a special bequest made by the late M. Naissant, formerly a functionary at the Ministry of Justice.

He died a few days ago, and in his will was a clause directing that all those who followed his remains to the cemetery were to dine at his expense.

A report of the proceedings states that "the utmost good feeling prevailed," and during the meal a toast to the memory of the departed was proposed by the undertaker.

M. Naissant was a Knight of the Legion of Honor, and in accordance with the instructions contained in the will, each of the soldiers belonging to the detachment which rendered military honors received a present of \$1.

ANARCHISTS HAVE LAUGH ON GERMAN POLICE

Hold Seven Hours' Congress Under Stars After Meeting in Hall is Suppressed.

BERLIN, April 20. While squads of police and detectives were scouring the countryside high and low for traces of them, the German Anarchists held their annual congress in open fields last night on the banks of the Neckar, near Mannheim. They harangued the stars from 7 in the evening until 2 this morning.

It was the climax of an amusing series of attempts on the part of the authorities to prohibit the "Reds" from meeting. Mannheim was the actual meeting place, and thither the delegates proceeded, apparently as innocent as travelers. The Mannheim police, however, had been warned, and the "Reds" on their arrival were greeted by an imposing force of bluecoats, who accompanied them to the trade union headquarters, arresting three delegates en route. When the congress subsequently opened, the police appeared and forbade further proceedings, declaring everybody present under arrest.

Under a heavy guard the "congress" was then escorted to the police station, but the men were released as soon as their identities had been ascertained.

Then the delegates started out for a walk, breaking up into pairs, and seemingly without any particular destination in view. By this ruse they succeeded in eluding the police, and shortly after sundown, in fields at the side of the river, they organized the congress afresh and talked for seven hours. Today they formally notified the police that the congress had met and had adjourned.

ENVOY OF THE MIKADO TO VISIT KING EDWARD

Prince Fushimi, Relative of His Sovereign, Leading a Quiet Life in Paris.

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LIONESS WAS SCARED AS MUCH AS PUBLIC

Escapes From Menagerie and Terrorized by Small Boy Collides With Old Woman.

LOOTS BUTCHER'S CART

PARIS, April 20.

An anemic lioness who escaped from a menagerie at Reims yesterday has disgraced forever the magnificent traditions of her kind.

She had been restive for some days, and when her keeper was stooping in the cage she gave him a gentle push, knocked him over and escaped through the open door. She was somewhat bewildered by her sudden liberty, and in her excitement made a dash for the market place, knocking down a small child on the way. The child, a particularly bad-tempered youngster, picked itself up and threw stones after her.

This caused the lioness to hurry, and in her terror she came into collision with an old woman, who was knocked over by superior weight.

Then a brave young man appeared in the way and said "Shoo!" whereupon the lioness bolted down a side street, causing great consternation. She overtook a butcher's cart, and the butchery fled in terror, leaving his goods to the lioness, who stopped to enjoy a good round meal.

The butcher boy spread the alarm that an entire menagerie was loose in the streets. The timorous shut themselves up in the houses, but a few of the braver spirits determined to face the situation and enjoy the delights of big-game hunting.

They were led by an artilleryman with a drawn sword, and several peasants with rock rifles and pistols brought up the rear.

The lioness, having finished her meal, strolled into the market place, to the consternation of the women shoppers, who were quite unaware of her pacific intentions.

Her pursuers did not dare to go near her, but fired several ineffective shots from a distance. The Mayor then came on the scene, and pronounced the animal to be a particularly furious beast. He called out a squad of soldiers, and, with the keeper of the lioness at the head, came up with the beast in a blind alley.

When the lioness saw her keeper she ran up to him and rubbed her head affectionately against him, before trotting home at his side.

MOUSTACHES ON A STRIKE

Man Servants of Turin Form Themselves Into Anti-Shaving League.

TURIN, April 20.—The man servants of Turin held a meeting yesterday, at which a resolution was passed to the effect that a protest should be laid before the Prefect of the town against the action of masters who forced their lackeys to shave.

In the event of their not obtaining permission to grow moustaches, the servants have decided to go on strike.

Snake Charmer is Attacked by Adder

Out of Bravado He Puts Reptile's Head in Mouth and is Badly Bitten.

CARDIFF, April 20. Henry Richards, of Maesteg, near Cardiff, who is known locally as "Henry the Snake Charmer," had a terrible experience with an adder on Thursday, from the effects of which he is only now recovering.

He was showing an adder which he had just caught to some friends when it bit his finger. He merely laughed, and in bravado placed the reptile's head in his mouth.

The adder bit the roof of his mouth, and, with a shriek of terror, Richards ran to the nearest surgery, where he collapsed. He was treated by Mr. Jones, a local doctor, and although he is getting better now, his arm and face are terribly swollen. His father was killed by the bite of a snake.

Richards has a habit of carrying at least one snake with him, and sometimes he has as many as nine in his pants. His method of capturing snakes is interesting. He takes a white handkerchief, to which the attention of the reptile is attracted. Then he grasps its tail and places it across his arm, when it is said to become quite still under the man's influence.

Richards declares that he had been for three years in quest of the reptile which bit him.

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The prince is a very excited person in the councils of the Mikado, and ranks immediately after the Crown Prince.

During his stay in Paris he has led a very quiet and retired life, his chief enjoyment being the opera or the theatre. He is very European in his tastes, and speaks English fairly well. He prefers, however, to express himself in French, in which language he has acquired greater fluency.

Prince Fushimi has been to Europe on two previous occasions. His first visit was twenty-one years ago, when he came to France and Germany and remained for a year. He came again to represent the Mikado at the Czar's coronation.

Like all his race, the prince is extremely anxious to learn, and he intends while in Europe to inspect the great government departments in England and France.

His aid-de-camp said today that they intend to see all they can, and "extract the good out of everything."

"We have much to learn from your country," he said. "After we cease to be the King's guests we hope to spend some time visiting other parts of England and Scotland, for it is only natural that we should be eager to make ourselves more familiar with the people who are our allies."

JAMAICA'S GOVERNOR SOCIALIST AND POET

Sydney Olivier, Who Succeeds Swettenham, One of Brilliant Band of Fabian Writers.

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